

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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3 support of child abuse prevention.

4 *Whereas, April is National Child Abuse Awareness*
5 *Month;*

6 *Whereas, Child Abuse Awareness Month is a time to*
7 *recognize that we can each play a part in promoting the*
8 *social and emotional well-being of children and families in*
9 *communities;*

10 *Whereas, Child abuse presents numerous challenges for*
11 *communities in trying to meet the immediate needs of*
12 *children through foster care, counseling, and other family-*
13 *based services. Additionally, research shows that when no*
14 *intervention occurs, children who are abused are more likely*
15 *to drop out of school, struggle with addiction, enter*
16 *unhealthy relationships as adults, and become engaged in*
17 *criminal activity;*

18 *Whereas, During Child Abuse Awareness Month, Holly's*
19 *House coordinates several awareness events to draw*
20 *attention to child abuse and its effects on Southwestern*
21 *Indiana families;*

22 *Whereas, Holly's House is a non-residential Child &*



1 *Adult Advocacy Center located in Evansville that serves nine*
2 *Southwest Indiana counties. The mission of Holly's House is*
3 *to empower victims of child abuse, sexual assault, and*
4 *domestic violence by providing support, promoting justice,*
5 *and preventing violence;*

6 *Whereas, Holly's House gives victims a safe and*
7 *comfortable place to report crimes while partnering with*
8 *numerous agencies to ensure clients are linked with other*
9 *community resources to support their safety and their*
10 *healing;*

11 *Whereas, Holly's House has served over 1,800 children*
12 *and adults since opening in September of 2008;*

13 *Whereas, Additionally, Holly's House has educated over*
14 *8,500 children to date on how to protect themselves against*
15 *predators through their program, "Think First & Stay Safe";*
16 *and*

17 *Whereas, Organizations such as Holly's House are of*
18 *vital importance to the advocacy and assistance of child*
19 *abuse victims as well as important to communities in*
20 *increasing public awareness of the need to ensure the safety*
21 *and welfare of children: Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
23 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

24 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly recognizes Child
25 Abuse Awareness Month.

26 SECTION 2. The Indiana General Assembly recognizes Holly's
27 House for its dedication to child abuse awareness, advocacy, and
28 prevention.

29 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
30 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Holly's House.

